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4.	PWs released from Camp 148/2 in Kreselavka, fifty king of Duenaburg, state that there were 6,000 prisoners in mid-June 1947. In late January 1947, the PWs were reatedly to join the Soviet Army and were promised and apecial rations. Only a small number of PWs restants of PWs restants.	e asked re- new clothing
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In March 1947, approximately 2,000 PWs of a camp at Rumsiekes, thirty kilometers east of Kaunas, volunteered for anti-partisan duty. Split into units, they were commanded by German officers who in turn were supervised by Soviet officers. At the end of March, these troops went into action around Meresch, seventy kilometers north of Grodno. The total strength of German and Russian troops operating in this area was 10,000. After an advance into the region south of Grodno, the Russians had to retreat when the partisans, equipped with multiple rocket launchers and tommyguns, received reinforcements from Suralki.

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